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## **Congressman Rodney Alexander**

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## ALEXANDER, VITTER ANNOUNCE USDA FUNDING FOR PINE PRAIRIE AREA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

GRANT FUNDING TOTALS \$107,250

Washington, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, and U.S. Sen. David Vitter, R-La., today announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has approved a grant totaling \$107,250 for the Pine Prairie Area Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

The grant, disbursed by the Community Facility Loan and Grant Economic Impact Initiative, will go toward the purchase of a new fire truck for the Pine Prairie Area Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

"This will enhance the capabilities of the Pine Prairie Volunteer Fire Department," Alexander said. "This grant funding will help our first responders save lives."

Vitter added, "I am pleased the U.S. Department of Agriculture recognized the vital role the Pine Prairie Area Volunteer Fire Department plays in protecting the community."

What: USDA grant totaling \$107,250

For: Pine Prairie Community Volunteer Fire Dept.

Purpose: To purchase a new fire truck